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## Director's Message

On September 6th, the Officer Assignment Board (OAB) met to identify future assignments at the O-4 and O-5 grade levels. The OAB reviewed over 70 ship, shore, and aircraft billets needing to be filled in upcoming months and ended up providing the Director, NOAA Corps with close to 60 assignment recommendations. These recommendations were approved on September 10th and can be viewed at the following CPC website:

<http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>

In addition to making assignment recommendations, the OAB also recommended and the Director approved the appointment of CAPT Wade Blake as the new Chair, Officer Assignment Board, effective October 1, 2007. I appreciate CAPT Blake's willingness to serve in this important capacity and thank CAPT Ken Barton for serving as Chair over the past year. Please note that a few officer assignments were put in a HOLD status until timing issues are resolved between ships/aircraft and the programs. A follow-on OAB is currently scheduled for October 5th to handle any outstanding officer assignments.

If anyone should have questions or concerns with the upcoming OAB, please don't hesitate to contact LCDR John Caskey at 301-713-7748 or [assignmentbranch.cpc@noaa.gov](mailto:assignmentbranch.cpc@noaa.gov).

Signature

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. B. Kearse".

CDR William B. Kearse, NOAA  
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

## **Announcements**

### **Promotion Update**

The promotion package is at the White House pending approval by the President. After approval, it will be forwarded to the Senate. The Senate will review and give their consent to the promotions. After that the package will be returned to the White House and then to the Department. At that time, CPC will prepare and submit the package to promote officers based on vacancies at that time.

For those officers selected during the 2007 Selection Boards, remember that your medical and dental qualifications must remain current. If your qualifications are lapsed at the time a vacancy exists, your promotion would be delayed and the next qualified officer will be promoted. If you have any questions please contact Greg Raymond at 301-713-7728.

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### **Approved Retirements**

The following officers have approved retirements. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation and wish them the best the next time you see them!

RADM Samuel P. De Bow, Jr.	October 1, 2007
CDR James R. Meigs	November 1, 2007
CAPT Richard S. Brown	December 1, 2007
CAPT George E. White	January 1, 2008
CAPT Gary D. Petrae	January 1, 2008
CAPT Stephen A. Kozak	March 1, 2008
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2008
CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.	August 1, 2008

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### **Awards**

The following officers have received awards or insignia over the past 60 days.

LCDR Jeffrey Brown	NOAA Corps Commendation Medal
CDR Guy Noll	NOAA Corps Commendation Medal
LCDR Joe Bishop	NOAA Aviation Insignia
LCDR Carl Newman	NOAA Administrator's Award Medal
LTJG Jonathan Taylor	NOAA Administrator's Award Medal
CDR Douglas Baird	NOAA Administrator's Award Medal
LCDR Gregory Glover	NOAA Administrator's Award Medal

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## On the Horizon

October 15	Start date for REFTRA 63
October 31	OER end of reporting period for CAPT/CDR
November 30	OER end of reporting period for LCDR/ LT
December 15	OERs due at CPC for CAPT/CDR
January 15, 2008	OERs due at CPC for LCDR/LT
January 15, 2008	Documents for OPF due at CPC for officers in selection zones
February 1, 2008	ODU becomes the prescribed uniform to wear aboard ships, marine centers, and small boat assignments.
January-May, 2008	Billet Review
March 3-7, 2008	Selection Boards for O-6 to O-2

Please see NOAA Corps website for additional information:

Assignments: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>

Evaluations: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/evaluation.html>

Training: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html>

ODU: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/index.html>